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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Changes in Personnel at P & W

1. [] called me today from Los Angeles to inform me of certain changes in personnel in the P & W home office:

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2. [] said that his principal reason for calling was to get rapid clearance on []. He said that with [] leaving our project it was mandatory that he get these two men cleared for backstepping at his plant in order that we get action with regard to our project. He said that the home office had forwarded to our security people full information on these two men. It is suggested that as soon as they are cleared we notify []

3. [] also raised the problem he had with regard to the lack of quick communication with Detachment A and his home office. He said that under present conditions it is often as much as two days before he can get an exchange of information with his people in the field or at his home plant. I explained to him that we are now in process of instituting a courier service operating out of [] which will give him daily service for transmittal of messages, or for emergency pick up and delivery if necessary. This seemed to suit him reasonably well. He had at one time requested that he have his own teletype system installed but careful review of this requirement in this Headquarters has eliminated the necessity for fulfilling this request.

4. Another item which [] brought up was the great amount of lost action in the shipment of the -31's to Detachment A. This difficulty showed itself in the recent transshipment of 2 -31's in which, as I understand it, the -31's were shipped from P & W to the West Coast and then transshipped to Detachment A. He said this is no security safeguard and causes unnecessary confusion and waste. His suggestion is that all -31's be sent directly from the plant to the Detachments they are destined for overseas. We must look into this in order that all the engine build-up parts may be assembled on the engine at the plant or be shipped with the engine in order that they can be assembled at the overseas base.

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